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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Proposed Collection; 60-Day Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) Initiative, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)**

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 to provide opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, submit comments in writing, or request more information on the proposed project, contact: Melba Rojas, NIMH Project Clearance Liaison, Science Policy and Evaluation Branch, Office of Science Policy, Planning and Communications, NIMH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, MSC 9667, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, call 301-443-4335, or email your request, including your

mailing address, to [nimhprapubliccomments@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nimhprapubliccomments@mail.nih.gov). Formal requests for additional plans and instruments must be requested in writing.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires: written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited to address one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Collection Title: Generic Clearance for the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) Initiative, 0925-NEW, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Need and Use of Information Collection: This NEW COLLECTION request serves as notice that the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is seeking OMB approval of a generic plan to conduct information collections to interface with the scientific community and promote the RDoC Initiative. As the lead Federal agency for research on mental illnesses, NIMH's mission is to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses through basic and clinical research, paving the way for prevention, recovery, and cure. To this end, NIMH launched the RDoC Initiative in 2009 to implement Strategy

1.4 of the 2008 NIMH Strategic Plan: “Develop new ways of classifying disorders based on dimensions of observable behaviors and brain functions.” The aim of RDoC is to guide research that begins with disruptions in neurobiological and behavioral mechanisms, and then works across systems to clarify connections among such disruptions and clinical symptoms. The information collected as part of this generic clearance will allow NIMH to determine success of the RDoC Initiative, develop future directions and endeavors, and to help guide programmatic priorities for RDoC and the agency.

OMB approval is requested for 3 years. There are no costs to respondents’ other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 490.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

<b>Instrument Type</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Number of Responses per Respondent</b>	<b>Average Burden Per Response (in hours)</b>	<b>Total Annual Burden Hours</b>
Workshops	50	1	8	400
Interviews	10	1	30/60	5
Surveys	100	1	30/60	50
Focus Groups	10	1	1	10
Evaluation Forms	100	1	15/60	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>270</b>		<b>490</b>

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